

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Lt.Gen. Leonard H. Perroots, U.S. Air Force
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
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Dear Lenny:

I have received the enclosed memorandum from Headquarters Air University at Maxwell proposing a "Conference on Intelligence in Senior Professional Military Education." I am quite willing to support the proposed conference and even accept the invitation to be the keynoter. However, before going further, I want to make sure you are aware of the proposal and that you and DIA also are supportive or at least have no objections.

CIA plays a supporting role at the National Defense University and Service War Colleges. I believe the primary role concerning intelligence at military schools belongs to DIA and the Defense Intelligence College. Before going forward, I just want to make sure you are aware and involved.

Because of the timing, I would appreciate hearing from you, even by telephone, at your earliest convenience.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Conference on Intelligence in Senior
Professional Military Education

1. It is abundantly clear that the great majority of students entering our senior service schools are not well versed in the capabilities and limitations of intelligence, national or departmental. More often than not, their knowledge runs from rudimentary at worst to imperfect, and perhaps skewed, at best. While they are exposed to intelligence during the student year, the exposure--particularly as it pertains to national security and to war-fighting--varies from school to school. Much of the input necessarily focuses on problems that are "service-unique."

2. This situation strongly suggests the need to develop a joint approach to the role of intelligence in senior PME and to examine the possibility of improving still further the intelligence support provided to our senior schools. A conference of the intelligence advisors/representatives and the deans of National Defense University and the Army, Naval and Air War Colleges would constitute a major step in meeting these objectives.

3. We propose, therefore, that the first such conference be convened in late April 1988, preferably at a secure facility in or near Washington, or failing that, at the Air University's Wargaming Center, Maxwell AFB.

4. In addition to the intelligence advisors and the deans of the senior schools, we would propose also to include the dean of the Defense Intelligence College. We would also invite, as speakers and observers, senior officers from the national intelligence community and the service intelligence chiefs.

5. The conference would concentrate on the following topics:

a) Intelligence support functions common to all the schools and those that are unique;

b) Intelligence briefing programs: who briefs on what and when; are there significant areas not being treated;

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c) The critical role of intelligence in wargaming; the nature and extent of "red-side" and third-world input;

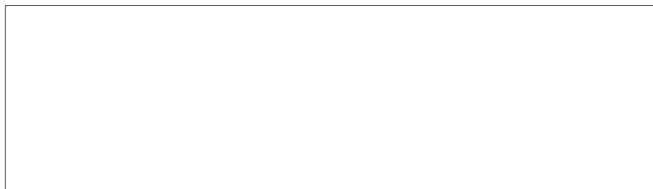
d) Intelligence in the core curricula--the views of the deans;

e) The proper role of intelligence in PME; perspectives of service intelligence chiefs and national community representatives.

6. Three days should suffice for the conference. We anticipate attendance by 15-20 full-time working participants, and about 6-10 guests.

7. Unless you direct otherwise, we will proceed with arrangements for the conference.

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cc: DDI
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Dear Bob,

*If you think this is a good idea and
if you agree, we would like to
have you as the keynote speaker.*

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